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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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RNA APPROVES PERMIT PARKING

At the July 13th meeting, RNA began a public discussion about several new parking ideas for our community: permit parking, metered parking on Palisade Avenue and demarcated parking spaces. This discussion is long overdue with the scarcity of available street parking for local residents because of the continuing problem of out-of-town vehicles parked on our streets.Therefore RNA decided to schedule three meetings - with two straw votes in July and August and a final vote in September - to allow all concerned citizens a chance to voice their opinions. The results of the final vote will be forwarded to our local elected officials.

At the last meeting, Carmine Venezia, Director of the Parking Authority explained these three ideas and answered questions and concerns from the group. Afterwards the first straw vote was taken with the followihg results:

a) Overwhelming approval for Permit Parking;
b) A tie vote for Parking Meters on Palisade Avenue; and
c) A no vote for Demarcated Parking Spaces.

The group approved Permit Parking with specific conditions. It would be enforced 6 days a week between the hours of 7AM to 7PM. Also there should be a four (4) hour limit for a non-permit vehicle to be allowed to park on our streets.

Permit parking has been successfully implemented in several areas of the City. Only a local resident would be able to purchase a $5.00 annual permit allowing them unlimited parking in their community. (A local worker would be required to purchase a $50.00 annual permit.) All other vehicles would be limited to several hours a day - usually two (2) hours. After that their vehicles would be subject to a parking summons and afterwards, the installation of a boot.

The other idea is to install metered parking along several areas of Palisade Avenue between Griffith Street and Cuneo Place. This would prevent vehicles from tying up valuable parking space for several days and give customers immediate access to our local businesses.

It is necessary to consider these ideas in order to preserve our street parking for local residents. With the City's commitment to implement a revitalization plan for Palisade Avenue next year - it is time to address this issue now. Because of its importance, **RNA is extending a special invitation to all local residents and business owners to attend these meetings to give their opinions.**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

During the summer, the P & D Committee met several times with the developers of **235 Ogden Avenue**. Their project entails converting the existing warehouse into a four unit residential facility - two more than the zoning allows in this neighborhood. Their plan also provides for only four off street parking spaces, even though the zoning regulations require a miminum of five spaces. In addition, these parking spaces are stacked: two inside the building and two on the existing carport. All and in all, the project calls for four variances: use, density, parking and stacking. Although it would be good to see this property renovated into a residential facility, there are too many problems, namely overdensity and lack of adequate parking.

The project will be heard by the Board of Adjustment on **August 12th at 6PM** in City Hall. There will be a discussion of this issue at the August 10th RNA meeting. All interested parties should attend and voice their opinion.

There are two other projects which RNA is currently monitoring in our neighborhood: **253 Ogden Avenue**: the construction of one two-family unit and **346-352 Ogden Avenue**:: the construction of three two-family units. Anyone interested in participating in this process, should contact **Steven Carr** at **653-0662** for all future meetings.

SUMMER EVENTS:

GAZEBO MUSIC SERIES IN RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK

BILL TURNER &BLUE SMOKE

Wednesday, August 18th: 6 PM

WHAT'S your OPINION about PERMIT PARKING: Come to RNA'S Next Meeting on Tuesday, AUGUST 10th AT 7:00PM

IT'S HOT OUT - SO KEEP COOL

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COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING: Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00 PM
LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

- OPEN DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PLANS & FALL PROJECTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY
- 2ND MEETING ON LOCAL PARKING REGULATIONS:
  a) Permit Parking for the Residential Blocks
  b) Metered Parking for Palisade Avenue
  (Open to the General Public)

SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT in Riverview-Fisk Park:
BILL TURNER & BLUE SMOKE
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